

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present response is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-11 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 4, and 8, which are independent, are hereby amended. No new matter is added by these amendments. Changes to the claims are not statements with respect to patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112 beyond the remarks herein. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

II. SUPPORT FOR CLAIM AMENDMENTS IN THE SPECIFICATION

Support for this amendment is provided at paragraph [0090] of the Specification as originally filed, which are reproduced below:

[0064] Subsequently, in step SP16, the control section 19 reproduces the imaging data D1 recorded in the videotape according to a control command issued from the personal computer 12, and simultaneously transmits the data D1 to the personal computer 12 through the communication cable 13.

III. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,953,481 to Watanabe, et al. (hereinafter, merely "Watanabe")

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*:

wherein the control means is configured to transmit a start-up request for an application in response to the recognized control state of the external recording device,

wherein the control means is configured to transmit the imaging data after receiving control command from the external recording device through the communication means (emphasis added)

Applicants submit that Watanabe does not suggest or render predictable such feature.

As understood by Applicants, Watanabe discloses a reproducing apparatus with editing capabilities. In Watanabe the user controls reproducing and editing through the use of pressing buttons.

Applicants submit that nothing has been found in Watanabe that would suggest or render predictable the above-identified features of claim 1. Specifically, Applicants submit that Watanabe fails to suggest or render predictable "wherein the control means is configured to transmit a start-up request for an application in response to the recognized control state of the external recording device, wherein the control means is configured to transmit the imaging data after receiving control command from the external recording device through the communication means," as recited in claim 1.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is patentable. For reasons similar to those recited above with respect to similar recitations to claim 1, claims 4 and 8 are also patentable.

IV. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

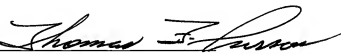
Because Applicants maintain that all claims are allowable for at least the reasons presented hereinabove, in the interests of brevity, this response does not comment on each and every comment made by the Examiner in the Office Action. This should not be taken as acquiescence of the substance of those comments, and Applicants reserve the right to address such comments.

In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosure in the cited reference, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference providing the basis for a contrary view.

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

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